

## Martin, Molly

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**From:** Tom Ford <tford@santamonicabay.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 06, 2014 7:54 AM  
**To:** Martin, Molly  
**Subject:** Re: Survey from Laura Emberson regarding NEPs

I'll try Rich and see if he can get the report for you and I. Before my time as well.

Sorry your baby is sick again, year 1 is like that...

Cheers,

Tom Ford

On Nov 6, 2014, at 7:11 AM, "Martin, Molly" <[Martin.Molly@epa.gov](mailto:Martin.Molly@epa.gov)> wrote:

Tom,

Sorry for the delay in responding- I was swamped last week.  
Good to see Deb's email and know all of the NEP directors are in the loop on this.  
Yes, I remember Laura's introduction as well at the last GB meeting.

I know of a report done a few years back (before my time)by HQ that looked at all of the different NEP structures.  
As you know all of the HQ NEP staff are currently at the RAE conference right now so I was waiting until Monday to ask for it.  
Seems like sending this to Laura would answer her questions and be less disruptive to directors.

The kiddo is sick again so I am home today and tomorrow with limited email access/availability. I am still working during naps etc.  
My office phone is rolled to my cell if you want to talk about it.

### Molly Martin

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**From:** Tom Ford [<mailto:tford@santamonicabay.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 3:50 PM  
**To:** Martin, Molly  
**Subject:** FW: Survey from Laura Emberson regarding NEPs

Molly:

I hope I am not putting more on your plate than necessary that said keeping you informed of some of the potential developments, or interesting ones as this may be seems important enough.

Molly:

In short this "survey" was sent out to the NEP Directors as attached below. It turns out the person who authored it doesn't identify whom or for what entity she is surveying for. I recognized the name as she was one of the public speakers at our last GB meeting representing the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust.

The exchange from Debrah below is interesting as Laura Emberson offers to fill out the survey for Debrah, I've never heard of that technique.

Anyway, that's the story, blowing bubbles tomorrow AM and back on land by midday in case you want to discuss.

I hope your tyke is feeling better. Mine we're often pleasantly soothed with a tepid wash cloth kinda sponge bath when they were feeling ill.

Best,

Tom

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**From:** Debrah Marriott [<mailto:DMarriott@estuarypartnership.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 1:10 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Survey from Laura Emberson regarding NEPs

Thanks, Tom. She has contacted me twice and I have told her we do not want to participate. The next time, she said she would fill it in for me and I requested that she not do that and restated that we do not want to participate.

I fear she will 'speak' for us.

Any ideas on what to do further I would welcome; perhaps someone else I can send my note requesting she not do that. Very frustrating, actually.

I am very glad to get this context, it makes me even more concerned.

*Debrah*

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**Subject:** Survey from Laura Emberson regarding NEPs

Dear NEP Directors, Staff and ANEP:

I am sorry to interrupt your busy schedules, but I thought you should know in case you were considering responding to the email, which I've attached below. The request is coming from Laura Emberson who is a volunteer of the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust. I can't say decisively that there is any other interest or purpose of this survey than that of an organization that refuses to accept that the EIR/EIS process for our one of our wetlands is a fair public process.

They continue to try to find avenues by which to color the Santa Monica Bay NEP as corrupt, though no evidence to support that has been found. Again sorry for our business taking up your time!

Anyway... if you have any questions let me know and I look forward to seeing All Y'All this weekend!

Regards,

Tom Ford

**From:** Laura Emberson <[leemberson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:leemberson@ucdavis.edu)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2014 9:58 PM  
**To:** Adrienne Harris  
**Subject:** Morro Bay National Estuary Program: Information Request

Dear Adrienne Harris,

I am conducting research on the National Estuary Program (NEP) and the role and impact of public participation within the various NEPs nationwide. The short survey below should take less than 10 minutes to complete and your responses will be critical to my research. I will share the results with all participants when all responses have been compiled.

Please place an "x" next to your answers below.

1. Which best describes your organization?

☐ Public Agency    ☐ Private Non-profit    ☐ Other (please describe below)

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2. Is your organization subject to open meeting or open records laws?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

3. Do you receive any federal funding?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

4. If you answered "Yes" to question 2, how do you receive this federal funding?

☐ Directly from federal government    ☐ Indirectly via third party

5. Do you receive other public funding, such as state, county or city funding?

☐ Yes    ☐ No    If yes, please briefly describe

\_\_\_\_\_

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6. Approximately what percentage of your funding comes from public vs private sources?

\_\_\_\_\_ % public    \_\_\_\_\_ % private

7. Are your organization's meetings open to the public?

☐ Yes    ☐ No    If yes, **please provide a link or attachment to your most recent meeting schedule.**

8. Are your organization's meeting minutes accessible to the public?

☐ Yes    ☐ No    If yes, **please provide a link or attachment to the meeting minutes of your two most recent meetings.**

9. Does your organization produce an annual report that is accessible to the public?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, **please provide a link or attachment to the most recent annual report.**

10. Is there any management component of your National Estuary Program that is closed to the public?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe

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11. Which answer below best describes your perception of the impact of public participation on your National Estuary Program?

☐ Positive ☐ Negative ☐ Neutral ☐ Other (please describe)

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12. Is there a visitor center or interpretive center associated with your National Estuary Program and, if so, how many square feet does it encompass?

☐ No Center  Square Foot Center

13. Please provide any additional comments:

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Thank you for your participation! Please send your completed questionnaire via email.

Sincerely,  
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